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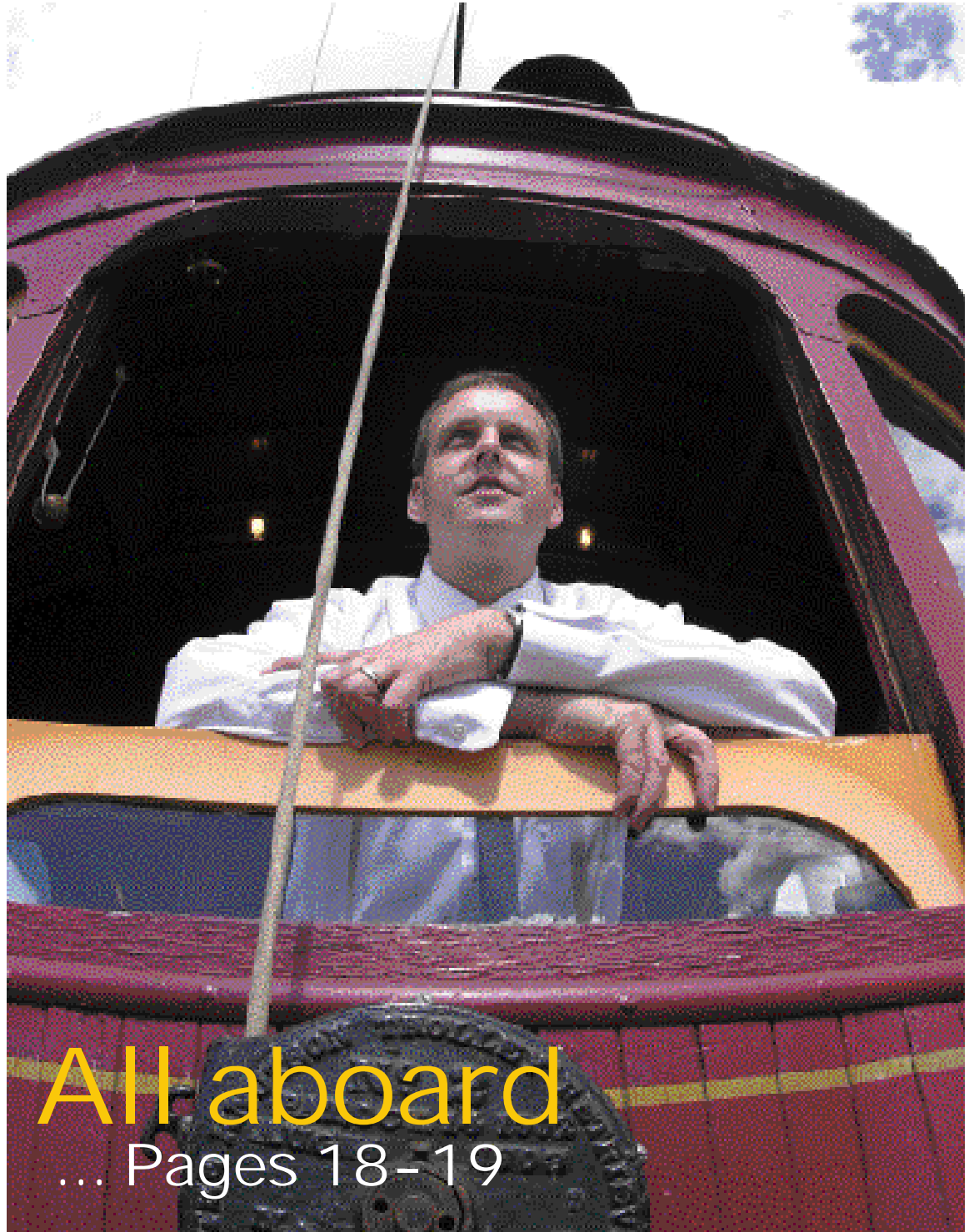
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We will either find a way, or
we will make one. - Hannibal
400BC



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Words from the Top — Commander recognizes Travis Team

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that for the first time in over six months, that the total number of deployed personnel is shrinking ... half that of our high of over 1,500 personnel as recently as mid-February. I don't have a very clear crystal ball to predict the future, so it's very important to pay attention to the present, and take advantage of the time at home for rest and recreation.

Whether you're fighting the war from home or abroad, everyone's part of the fight! One of the things we're fighting for is "Old Glory." Every afternoon at 4:30 p.m., we recognize the "end of the day" with a retreat ceremony. For some, the sound of the national anthem signals the time to pack up, lock the office and head home. But for many at Travis, retreat is the beginning of the work day as countless members of Team Travis operate throughout the night to answer America's need for air mobility any time, any place.

Chief Johnson and I visited several units last week during the night shifts. During the night, we met hard working professionals in the 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron shops, spent time with the 660th Aircraft Generation Squadron at roll call to discuss their superb KC-10 maintenance efforts, the 60th Component Repair Squadron Jet Dispatch folks who remove, repair and replace numerous jet engines, our alert medical professionals in the David Grant Medical Center emergency room, members of the 60th Aerial Port Squadron, security personnel in the Navy's Take Charge and Move Out, or TACAMO, VQ3 Detachment here, and many, many more.

These are just a few of the units and people who work diligently throughout the night, sometimes in harsh, dark, cold and wet environments. They push through it all to get the mission accomplished around the clock. Take some time to recognize these outstanding and deserving men and women.

Recognition can be as simple as thanking the 60th Security Forces member at the main gate for keeping our people and homes safe. Security forces personnel act as our first line of base defense. Last Friday, Chief J and I had the pleasure of experiencing some of the training and equipment they use to stay prepared. My



Nan Wiley / Visual Information

Col. David R. Lefforge, 60th AMW commander, presents a wing coin to Amn. Ronica N. Williams for her support of base DUI awareness.

thanks go out to members of the 60th SFS control center; the 349th SFS Firearms Training Simulator and the Military Personnel Flight for hosting me. While at MPF, we were issued our new line badges in a painless process. The Pass and Registration office is doing a tremendous job processing hundreds of updated line badges for the entire base.

The list of Team Travis achievers continues as the 2001 Air Mobility Command Transportation Awards were determined recently. The exceptional 60th APS was recognized in four categories — Traffic Management Office of the Year, Combat Readiness and Resources Unit of the Year, Terminal Unit of the Year and Air Freight Operation of the Year. Individual standouts include Tech. Sgt. Tomas E. Hulzar, 60th APS, for Excellence in Traffic Management; Senior MSgt. Michael P. Branum, 60th APS, for Senior NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. David D. Vollmer, 60th Transportation Squadron, for NCO of the Year, and Vasillo "Bill" Avlonitis, 60th APS, for Civilian Employee of the Year.

The good news keeps on coming! The 2001 AMC Air Traffic Control and Airfield Management Awards recognized the 60th Operations Support Squadron as the Airfield Operations Flight Complex of the Year. Individual awards for members of the 60th OSS include Capt. Edward F. Lambrecht for Officer of the Year, Senior Airman Sandra E. Spoon for Airman of the Year, and David W. Machovec for Civilian Journeyman/Technician of the Year.

Additionally, 2001 15th Air Force Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member Awards went to Master Sgt. Troy L. Keach,

615th Air Mobility Operations Group, in the Senior NCO category and Senior Airman Micheal L. Turner, 22nd Airlift Squadron, in the Airman category. Also, Capt. James Sheridan and his 22nd Airlift Squadron C-5 crew and Security Forces Ravens were nominated by 15th Air Force for the 2001 Lt. Gen. William H. Turner Award for the airlift mission of the year.

Congratulations also go out to the 60th Contracting Squadron for winning the Air Force-level President's Committee Award. This award recognizes acquisitions excellence and their work toward advancing contracting opportunities for the disabled and handicapped community.

The Air Force Group level command selection list was also released recently. Four members of Team Travis were chosen for command positions. Col. Rhonda L. Bridge will assume command of the 305th Medical Group (McGuire AFB); Col. Frederick M. Hannan Jr. will command the 65th Medical Group (Lajes AB); Col. (select) Mark Correll will command the 374th Support Group (Yokota AB); and, Col. (select) Frederick H. Martin will assume command of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group here at Travis. Congratulations to all!

March activities are in full throttle right now.

► Air Force Assistance Fund. The AFA drive is in full swing under the guidance of Lt. Col. Manuel Domenech and Senior MSgt. Ferdinand Blaine. They want to make sure everyone at Travis knows about the chance to give to the four charities supported by AFAF. These charities directly support the Air Force family. Our fundraising goal is \$91,141,

which is modest compared to the amount of aid we got last year. For instance, Team Travis received from the Air Force Aid Society \$233,004 for emergency assistance; \$78,014 for community enhancement programs; and 64 education grants worth \$1,500 each. By the way, today is the last day for receipt of applications for these grants. Applications are located at the Travis Family Support Center or www.afas.org. Fax applications to 703-607-3022.

► Women's History Month.

Project officer Capt. Ginger Hayden and the Women's History Month committee have done an outstanding job organizing an aggressive schedule of events. Last week, Oakland Raiders CEO Amy Trask gave an entertaining and motivating speech at the Women's History luncheon. This week's Women's History Month events included a brown-bag luncheon on women's issues, two self-defense classes at the conference center, and a nine-hole golf tournament coupled with a cooking demonstration. The action keeps on rolling next week too. Col. Cheryl Zadlo, 95th Air Base Wing Commander at Edwards AFB, is our guest luncheon speaker next Wednesday at the Delta Breeze Club. Please join us.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who assisted in my C-5 qualification training. I completed my check ride this week and couldn't have done it without the truly outstanding instruction and assistance of folks from the 21st AS. I'd like to have completed it earlier, but as most everyone knows ... we haven't had very many of our C-5 "Fred" Galaxies in town. Being qualified in both the C-5 and KC-10 provides a more complete picture of what Team Travis is all about. I still have more people to meet, more work sections to visit and we're getting there.

I know for a fact that Travis only succeeds with the hard work and dedication of diverse people working together — day and night. When you hear the national anthem play during retreat, know that our country needs the men and women of Team Travis to stay strong. Our nation depends on your commitment, fortitude and skills. Take pride in the fact that America's First Choice is right here, right now, and ready to take care of business.

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ON THE COVER: Maj. Mike Day, 60th APS, chief of air terminal operations center, and a Western Railway Museum volunteer, operates a train during his free time.

Hard work, dedication pays off APS wins AMC transportation awards

By A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

Operation Enduring Freedom, the War Against Terrorism, and Operations Tempo sound too familiar to the men and women of Travis since Sept. 11.

The increased level of security, the longer work hours, as well as deployments hasn't seemed to change the quality of work or pride from the service-members here.

Recently, the 60th Aerial Port Squadron was recognized by Air Mobility Command, for their achievements in transportation for 2001.

The squadron was awarded the AMC's transportation combat readiness and resources unit of the year, the terminal unit of the year, the traffic management office of the year, and the airfreight operation of the year. Individuals within the squadron were recognized as well.

SMSgt. Michael Branum was awarded the AMC's transportation senior noncommissioned officer of the year. Mr. Vasilios Avlonitis was the recipient of the AMC's transportation civilian employee of the year award and TSgt. Tomas Huizar received an award for excellence in traffic.

The awards won by the squadron were a testament to the response made by the team after Sept. 11, said 2nd Lt. Alfort Belin III, 60th APS.

Some of the accomplishments of the squadron after the tragic events included quickly and safely moving well over 90 thousand tons of cargo at a 99.9 percent reliability rate, Belin added.

Like most squadrons around base, the APS also went into a 12-hour shift routine. Belin says even though personal lives began to suffer, the squadron remained focused on the mission at hand.

"It was pretty tough. I had to quit my second

job, but I was more than willing to do it for the mission," said SrA. Alvin Hernandez 60th APS cargo specialist.

With their willingness to make sacrifices, members in the squadron seem to appreciate the fact that upper leadership notices the sacrifices being made by them.

"I think it's great that we're being recognized by upper leadership for all of the hard work we do," said AB Derek Horne, 60th APS.

"A lot of the times the guys here are not appreciated enough for the hard work that they do. I think everyone here is doing a great job," said SMSgt. Ralph Donaldson, 60th APS superintendent of airfreight flight.

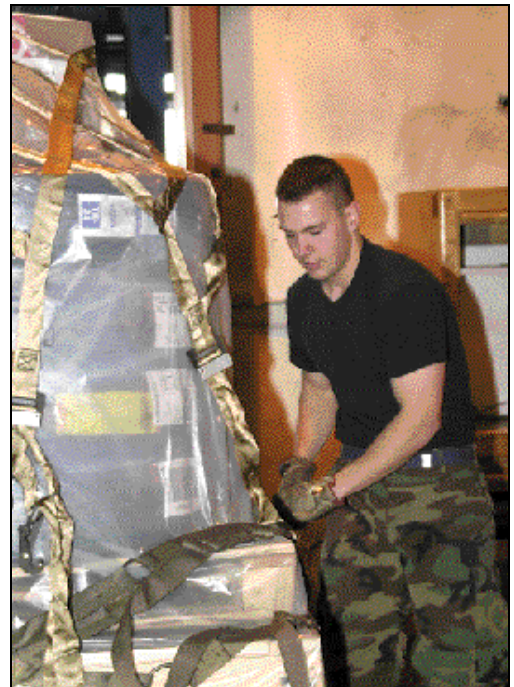
"The strength of the 60th APS lies within us as a team, not as individuals," said Belin.

However, the squadron recognizes their accomplishments are not solely from their own efforts.

"We all worked extremely hard to accomplish each mission and to earn all of these awards. However, we realize it would not have been possible without the help of 'Team Travis,'" said Lt.Col. Keith Moncrief, 60th APS commander.

But all in all, the efforts and accomplishments made by the squadron to make their many missions successful, have led them to gain self-satisfaction, already made them feel like winners.

"By working hand in hand, this squadron has gone above and beyond the call of duty, enabling them to successfully complete every mission. In times of trouble we have put 'service before self'. The willingness for us to do this has already made us feel like winners," said Belin.



Photos by A1C Alice Moore / 60th AMW Public Affairs



(Above) Cargo is continuously being moved by members of the 60th APS squadron. The squadron has been recognized for their achievements in several areas of transportation within the AMC.

(Top Right) Amn. Jason Bennett, 60th APS, air transportation apprentice secures a load of cargo being shipped overseas. (Right) SSgt. Jesus Hernandez, 60th APS air transportation specialist, palletizes cargo awaiting to be transported to another location. The members of the 60th APS have been continuously striving to meet the demands brought about after Sept. 11. Recently the squadron has also acquired Beale Air Force Base's area of responsibility covering 34 countries, making the squadron the largest Transportation Management office in the AMC.



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CRIME STOPPER

TRAVIS POLICE ACTIVITY BLOTTER

March 4

Minor vehicle accident on Travis Ave.
Minor vehicle accident in the parking lot of Bldg. 724
Damage to private property at the Westwind Inn
Lost property at the Thrift Shop
Damage to private property in the parking lot of Bldg. P-3
Minor vehicle accident in the parking lot of Center School
Animal control on Armstrong St.
Suspicious activity at Nevada St.
Assault at Dorm 1334

March 5

Civil arrest for outstanding warrants at the Main Gate
Lost property at Wyoming St.
Traffic complaint in the parking lots of Bldg. 836 and 841
Animal control at Cannon Dr.
Vandalism at the Sierra Inn
Theft of private property on Gunter St.
Theft of private property at the Commissary
Traffic complaint on Travis Ave.
Welfare check at Valley View Way

March 6

Animal control at Hamilton St.
Shoplifting at the gas station
Animal control at Twin Peaks Dr.
Animal control at Bldg. 380A

March 7

Traffic complaint at Travis Elementary School
Damage to private property at Dorm 1327
Animal control at Roberts Dr.
Minor vehicle accident at Ragsdale St.
Theft of private property on Cannon Dr.

March 8

Towed vehicle at Vermont St.
Towed vehicle at Armstrong St.
Damage to government property at Dorm 1309
Damage to private property at Dorm 1330
Towed vehicle at Burgan Blvd.
Minor vehicle accident at Travis Federal Credit Union
Animal control at Roberts Dr.
Loud noise at Dorm 1328
Loud noise at Dorm 1354

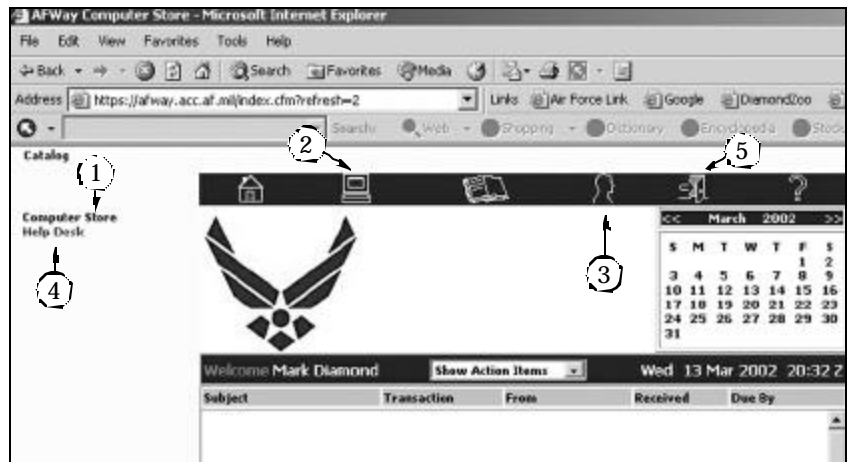
March 9

Damage to private property at the parking lot of the Westwind Inn
Assistance rendered at the David Grant Medical Center Emergency Room
Domestic disturbance at Oregon St.

March 10

Towed vehicle at the Main Gate
Civil arrest for outstanding warrants at the Main Gate
Shoplifting at the Base Exchange
Loud noise at Dorm 1308
Loud noise at Dorm 1355
Driving Under the Influence/Drug Possession at Burgan Blvd.

Crime tip: If you choose to own firearms, make sure they are safely stored: unloaded, in a locked container, and separate from ammunition. Store keys out of reach and sight of children. Register all firearms stored in housing with your Orderly Room. Dorm residents must store firearms in the Security Forces Armory, Bldg. 828.



This is a screen shot of the current AFWay homepage — the page users are directed to after they've logged in. Once at the AFWay homepage, users can (1) begin shopping at the computer store; (2) find other AFWay users currently online; (3) change personal profile; and (4) visit the help desk. Once shopping is complete, users should ensure they (5) logout.

Online @nd efficient Base PC buyers urged to make AFWay the 'Travis way'

Tailwind staff

If you're in the Air Force and you order computers and computer peripherals, chances are you've already heard of the Air Force's newest computer purchasing system, the AFWay Computer Store (<https://afway.acc.af.mil>).

If you haven't heard of AFWay (which stands for Air Force Way), listen up ... the program may soon become the mandatory method of purchasing computers and computer-related items.

According to Travis communications experts, Air Force officials intend to make AFWay mandatory in the future.

And Travis officials said there's no reason why people shouldn't jump at the chance to use the new system.

According to Bud Fengel, Travis equipment control officer and chief of computer requirements, the AFWay Computer Store provides a secure, efficient and convenient way order computer hardware.

"The AFWay system automates the computer hardware purchase process, including coordination, approval and status tracking," Fengel said.

If having the opportunity to order computer hardware from the comfort of your desk isn't enough, another big advantage



This is a screen shot of future AFWay Web site, located at <https://afway.af.mil>. The site will not become operational until the migration of AFWay to Gunter AFB is completed.

of using AFWay is that the system cuts the average Air Force computer order time from 14 days to just two days.

Need another reason? Fengel also said the system eliminates the requirement for a C4 Systems Requirements Document, also known as an Air Force Form 3215. Fengel said AFWay offers only pre-approved Air Force products, deleting the requirement for 3215s for those using the new online store.

Additionally, Fengel said computer systems purchased through AFWay, are pre-loaded with only Air Force-standards software, ensuring quick set-up and eased of network connectivity.

Fengel said the AFWay system also provides "real-time" head-to-head price and feature

comparisons between leading government vendors. Additionally, automatic discounts are featured for purchases more than \$25,000.

The web-based AFWay store currently only offers computers (PCs and notebooks) and computer monitors. However, Fengel said AFWay will soon migrate to the Gunter AFB Web site and more products will be added to the contract at that time.

AFWay was first released for Air Force-wide use in July 2000. Initially, it primarily served the Air Combat Command, giving ACC patrons the ability to shop for multiple-vendor computers and procure systems based on Air Force and Chief Information Officer required standards.

"The web-based electronic business application quickly grew in popularity and was in demand for Air Force-wide use," Fengel said.

Travis Automated Data Processing Equipment (ADPE) custodians can register and login to the AFWay system by pointing their Web browsers to <https://afway.acc.af.mil>. Users can visit the AFWay online help desk to download a copy of the AFWay User's Guide. Once the migration to Gunter is complete, the Web site address will change to <https://afway.af.mil>.

When it comes to fire ...

Play it Safe

Travis fire prevention office provides important safety education for base residents

In last week's Tailwind, the newspaper staff printed an article, which detailed the Travis Fire Department's campaign to saturate the base community with fire safety information.

The campaign was announced on the heels of an AMC message that detailed some alarming command fire statistics for the first two months of 2002.

The statistics showed a dramatic increase in the amount of personal and government property loss caused by fires. The amount of fire loss in January and February alone exceeds all of the previous year.

As part of this campaign to educate Travis on the importance of fire safety, the Tailwind has joined forces with the base fire department.

This is the first in a series of fire safety articles. This article — which points out the importance of home smoke alarms — is especially relevant considering a fire that occurred on Travis just three weeks ago. A family was awakened by their home smoke alarm and was able to escape a fire that destroyed their house. Base officials said if the smoke detector had not worked, the family might not be alive today.



Information provided by
60th CES Fire Prevention office

outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with the door closed, NFPA recommends installing smoke alarms inside the room. In new homes, smoke alarms are required in all sleeping rooms, according to the National Fire Alarm Code.

» Because smoke rises, alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings.

Wall-mounted

alarms should be positioned 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling; ceiling-mounted alarms should be positioned 4 inches away from the nearest wall. On vaulted ceilings, be sure to mount the alarm at the highest point of the ceiling.

» Smoke alarms should not be installed near a window, door or forced-air register where drafts could interfere with their operation.

» NFPA recommends that people with hearing impairments install smoke alarms with louder alarm signals and/or strobe lights to alert them to a fire.

» Be sure the smoke alarm you buy carries the label of an independent testing lab. For a list of manufacturers that distribute smoke alarms for the hearing impaired, call NFPA's Center for High-Risk Outreach at (617) 984-7826.

» A qualified electrician should install alarms that are hard-wired to the home's electrical system.

Smoke alarm facts & figures:

» Fifteen of every 16 homes (94 percent) in the United States have at least one smoke alarm.

» One-half of home fire deaths occur in the 6 percent of homes with no smoke alarms.

» Homes with smoke alarms (whether or not they are operational) typically have a death rate that is 40 to 50 percent less than the rate for homes without alarms.

» In three of every 10 reported fires in homes equipped with smoke alarms, the devices did not work. Households with non-working smoke alarms now outnumber those with no smoke alarms.

» Why do smoke alarms fail? Most often, smoke alarms fail because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries.

Safety Tips:

» While smoke alarms alert people to fires, families still need to develop and practice home fire escape plans so that they can get out of the house quickly.

» Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home (including the basement) and

Smoke alarm maintenance

» Test smoke alarms at least once a month by using the alarm "test button," and clean the units in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

» Install new batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year; for example, on the day you change your clocks or when the alarm chirps (warning that the battery is dying).

» Replace all smoke alarm batteries immediately upon moving into a new home.

» Keep batteries in smoke alarms; do not borrow them for other purposes. Nuisance activations can be addressed by moving an alarm farther away from kitchen smoke or bathroom steam and by more frequent cleaning. If the problem persists, replace the alarm.

Travis military family housing residents and dormitory residents who have questions concerning their smoke detectors, can call the fire prevention at 424-3683.

Power Outage Scheduled

A power outage is scheduled for March 28 at 7 a.m. through 6 p. m. March 24 for the following facilities: The 900 area except 921, 977, 979, and 1776. The 800 area except 801, 803, 804, 806, 811, 818, 819, 836, 1821 and the Radian Water

Pump Station on Ragsdale. The 700 area, A Bunker, B Bunker, Arial Club, VA Warehouse, and 500 area except 525, 549, 550, 552, 556, 560, 570, 571 and 575. A power outage is scheduled for Apr. 7 from 3 a. m. to 6 a. m. for the base Burger King and

the Commissary. Units 551, 804, 808, 809, 895, 921, 970, 971, 973, 977, 979, 997, 998, 1776 and 1795 will be affected from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m. For further information call production control at 424-2575.

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Important Dates in U.S. Air Force Women's History



Pictured is a PT-19, one of several aircraft flown by the WAFS.

1942

» The Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron is established during World War II.

» Jackie Cochran, America's leading female pilot, founds the Women's Flying Training Detachment under Gen. Hap Arnold.



Fifinella was adopted by the WASPs as their mascot.

1943

The WAFS and Jackie Cochran's program merge to form the Women Airforce Service Pilots. WASPs fly missions as ferriers, test pilots and trainers.

1949

The Air Force Nurse Corp is founded.

1945 to 1953

Air Force nurses serve in the U.S. and Japan as flight nurses during the Korean War. Three Air Force nurses are killed in plane crashes while on duty.

1968

The first Air Force woman is sworn into the Air National Guard following the passage of Public Law 90-130, which allows the ANG to enlist women.

1971

» Jeanne Holm is the first Air Force woman promoted to brigadier general.

» An Air Force woman completes aircraft maintenance officer's school, becoming the first woman aircraft maintenance officer.

» The first woman is assigned as a flight surgeon in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

» A staff sergeant becomes the first female technician in the Air Force Reserve.

1975

The Air Force places the first woman on operational crew status.

1976

» Women are admitted to the service academies.

» The Air Force selects the first woman reservist for undergraduate pilot training.

1978

Air Force Strategic Air Command assigns the first woman aircrew member to alert duty.



In 1999, Capt. Dawn Dunlop became the first woman test pilot to fly Dryden's F-15 ACTIVE.

1982

The Air Force selects the first female aviator (Dawn Dunlop) for test pilot school.

1986

The Air Force Academy's top graduate is a woman for the first time in history.



1986 cont'

Six Air Force women serve as pilots, copilots, and boom operators on KC-135 and KC-10 tankers that refuel FB-111s during the raid on Libya.

1991

The Air Force Reserve selects its first female senior enlisted advisor.

1999

Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins (now colonel) becomes the first woman space shuttle commander. From 1983 to 1985, Collins was a C-141 aircraft commander and instructor pilot at Travis AFB.

2000

The Air Force promotes the first woman pilot to brigadier general.



Womens History Month Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Edwards AFB wing commander Col Cheryl Zadlo

When: March 20
Time: 1130 to 1300

Where DBC

Tickets: \$8

Meal Choices: Asian Chicken Salad, Vegetarian Chef Salad or Club Croissant Sandwich with Potato Salad

RSVP by today to Capt. Ginger Hayden at 424-3378 or 1st Lt. Jennifer Kulick 424-1090

Manager speaks on cell phones

ViewPoint

TSgt. John Pierce
60 CS/SCXR

It seems today that cell phones have become an American way of life. You can't go anywhere where you don't see countless people with one of the endless styles of cell phones almost permanently affixed to the side of their heads. With the increase in cell phone services available and the cost almost constantly dropping, cell phones have changed the way that people go about their daily lives. This is also very true in the Air Force, and more specifically here at Travis AFB. As the manager for the base cell phone account I track the number of cell phones on base, and I also review and pay the cell phone bill every month. And I can tell you that both have been increasing steadily. With that said you might think I am writing this article to discourage cell phone use, but instead the intent of this article is to ensure all cell phone users on base are aware of the Air Force directives concerning their use.

The first important rule of cell phone use is that a government owned cell phone is for "official business only." The only exception granted under AF-I 33-111 is short personal phone calls to one's spouse to inform them of delays coming home from

work or changes to travel plans during periods TDY are authorized. If you have made personal calls that do not fall into this category, don't worry you're not in trouble, but you do need to contact your unit telephone control officer to request a copy of your monthly statement and arrange to reimburse the government for those calls.

You must also remember that a government cell phone is only to be used when a wire line phone is not readily available. So what to do if you are in your office right next to your wire line phone and your cell phone rings. There are two things you can do, first just let it ring, or more practically answer the phone and politely inform the person on the other end that your in your office and could they please call you at your base extension.

Lastly a cell phone user must remember what can and cannot be discussed on a cell phone. According to Air Force directives normal cell phones are prohibited for classified use. Secondly information protected by the Privacy Act cannot be discussed over a cell phone. Cell phones are also prohibited for command and control purposes. This always begs the question, what constitutes command and control information? My best answer would be to use your best judgement. If you have to think about whether the information you have to discuss is command and control or not it would always be best to error on the side of caution and not use a cell phone. Cell phones are intended and must only be used for administrative purposes.

For more information call 424-5555.



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and
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Phone numbers to know

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HAWC
424-4292
Barber Shop
437-2776
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423-3537
Air Expo office
424-0194
Air Defense Council
424-4569
Airmen Leadership
Council
424-2067
Pizzeria
424-0976
Vehicle decals
424-3235



Assistance from the top: Col. Dave R. Lefforge, (Right) and Command CMSgt. Dan Johnson, fill out their Air Force Assistance fund contribution forms. The AFAF campaign is now in full swing. See your unit POC for more information. The campaign runs through March 29.

Photo by SSG Michael D. Smith/AFM Public Affairs

NEWS NOTES

Forbes Gate closure

The Forbes Gate will be closed to vehicle traffic beginning March 24 due to construction. The pedestrian gate will remain open for children who walk to and from school. There will be a safety zone designated to allow the children to pass through during the construction period. The gate will tentatively reopen for traffic 13 August. Please feel free to contact the NCOIC, Police Services, SSgt Charles Combs at 424-0797 with any questions regarding this closure.

New satellite pharmacy hours

The Base Exchange satellite pharmacy, located in the Mini-Mall (bldg. 650), will now open on Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. The hours of operation Mon. through Fri. are still 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The BX harmacy is closed on Sundays and all holidays. The cut-off time to call-in a refill request for next day pick-up is 5 p.m., Mon. through Sat.

Band of the Golden West Presents

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West's Commanders Jazz Ensemble will present a Guest Artist Concert, Saturday, March 23, 2002 at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theater at 7:00 p.m. The concert's special guest is saxophonist and arranger Greg Yasinit-sky. Tickets are free and available to the public on March 12, 2002 by calling the theater box office in Vacaville at (707) 449-6220.

Travis invited to volunteer fair

The Travis Unified School District will be hosting a "Volunteer Fair" on Wednesday, March 20, from 2p.m. to 5p.m. at Travis Elementary School, 100 Hickam Drive. The Volunteer Fair will be open exclusively to TAFB personnel. The Fair will highlight numerous volunteer opportunities available for working with students and schools in the Travis School District. For more information, please contact: M.P. Whelan-Miille, Community Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator at 437-8104 or mwhelan-miille@travisusd.k12.ca.us<mailto:mwhelanmiille@travisusd.k12.ca.us>

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to work for the base pharmacy windows. All volunteers can choose their own hours within the range of 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. for more information contact A1C Jessica Jones at 423-7109.

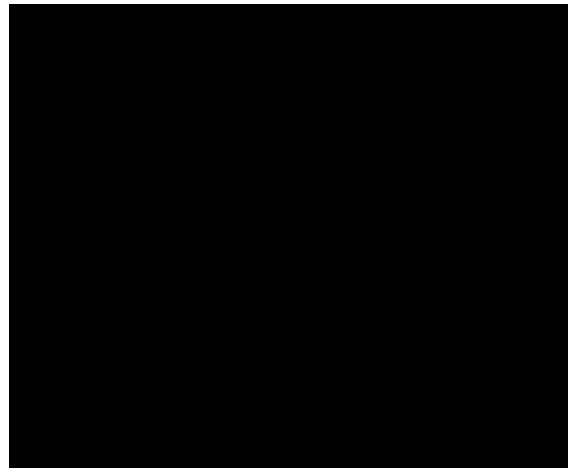
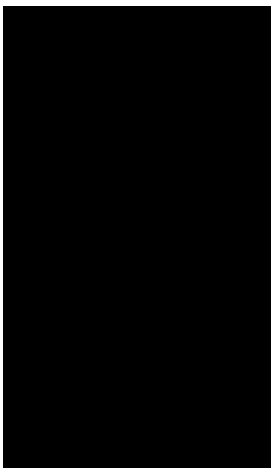
Air Force Sergeants Association

The Air Force Sergeants Association will hold this month's general membership meeting on Thursday, March 21 at noon in the Delta Breeze Club.

Household Item pick-up

Large, bulky household items must be scheduled for pick-up before being placed out on the curb. This free service can be scheduled by calling Solano Garbage Company at 439-2800. The service will be provided within seven days of the request. This change is in conformance with the contract franchise agreement. Mondays will be the only pickup day for Travis. Televisions, computer monitors and other electronic devices are considered hazardous waste and will not be collected by Solano Garbage Company. Potrero Hills landfill off of Highway 12 will accept these items for a nominal fee. Refrigerators and freezers must be freon-free before being scheduled for pickup. Any other questions concerning refuse and recycling collection on base can be answered by calling maintenance engineering at 424-1388.

The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.



Announcements**Leave needed**

Barbara Beougher, the Family Support Center career focus program manager, is in need of donated leave to deal with major surgery and recovery. She has undergone four major surgeries in the past 18 months. To donate, contact Linda Sanders at the FSC for the forms. You can reach Sanders at 424-2486.

Child care providers

Now is the time to recognize the dedicated men and women providing licensed childcare in their homes at Travis. The Family Child Care office is accepting nominations for the Provider of the Year until March 25. Any parent may nominate their child's provider simply by filling out an application from the FCC office or at the provider's home. The provider must complete the Professional Background form and the nominator may submit both forms by fax at 424-5986, by e-mail at bostickf@travis.af.mil or shirly.collins@travis.af.mil, or in person to the FCC office Bldg. 251, 109 First St., by 4:30 p.m. March 25. For more information, contact Fran Bostick or Shirly Collins at 424-4585.

Services**Today**

Kids ages 6 to 13 are invited to a night of games, food and fun at the Travis Skating Center's Friday night lock-in from 5 p.m. to midnight. Buy tickets in advance for \$15 at the Youth Center or for \$20 at the door. The price includes admission, food and skate rental. Volunteers are needed to chaperone or to help at the snack bar or on the rink. Call the Skating Center at 424-3891 or the Youth Center at 424-5392 for more information.

Saturday

Join the fun and get a workout at the same time in the St. Patty's Day Fun Run at 11 a.m. Register in advance at the Fitness Center or at 10:30 a.m. at the Exercise Center parking lot on the day of the race. The categories for both the 5K run and the one-and-a-half mile walk for both men and women are: 5 to 10 years old, 11 to 17 years old, 18 to 25 years old, 26 to 32 years old, 33 to 39 years old, and 40 and over. Ribbons and commander's trophy points will be awarded. Call Jay Sundiam at 424-1479 or 424-2008 for details.

Saturday

San Francisco's Chinatown is a whole different world only minutes away. Shop for traditional clothing, toys, china and food or enjoy authentic Chinese food. The bus leaves Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Transportation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 424-5659 to reserve a seat.

Sunday

Visit Chinatown for a day of site seeing on St. Patrick's Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Transportation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Outdoor Rec at 424-5659 for information.

March 21 to April 1

Watch the NCAA March Madness games on the big screen in the Delta Breeze Club's Gold Rush Lounge. Drink specials and free food will be offered. All ranks are welcome.

Family Support**Monday**

▲ Spouse employment orientation class for newly arrived spouses is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Learn about employment and career development programs at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ Interviewing Skills I is from 8 a.m. to noon at the FSC. This is a two-part series on interviewing techniques, how to get interviews, answer difficult questions, present yourself to increase your hiring potential, negotiate salary and benefits and more. Call 424-2486.

▲ A small business workshop is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Wednesday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200

Thursday

▲ WIC representatives will be at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▲ Sponsorship training will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The FSC will hold a Mutual Funds seminar from 9 to 11 a.m. Call 424-2486.

Friday

▲ Interviewing Skills II is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSC. Pre-requisite is part one.

The second of the series in developing interview skills, part two is experiential, using videotaping as a teaching tool and receiving valuable immediate feedback from conducted interviews. Call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Those preparing to make a permanent change of station move should see the relocation assistance manager at the FSC to help with the planning. Build a road map of necessary services to use during the relocation process. This includes an assessment to identify both immediate and long term relocation needs and referral services to those capable of providing assistance. For an appointment, call 424-2486.

▲ See the FSC to help sort things out during a crisis. The FSC can provide further assistance if necessary or offer a referral to the appropriate agency. For an appointment call 424-2486.

▲ The Department of Labor presents transition workshops monthly at the FSC for separating and retiring members that provide all ranks with four days of detailed information on preparing for an effective job search. A medical records screening is also included. Call 424-2486.

Announcement

▲ The Airman's Attic at the FSC will be closed April 2 through 5, but will re-open April 9.

Family Advocacy**Parent University**

Family Advocacy is holding its 12th Annual Parent University, April 6 at Travis Elementary School. The theme of this daylong program is family wellness. The keynote address will cover survival skills for healthy families, designed to strengthen, support and empower the entire family. Other workshops include respect and manners, deployment, raising healthy girls, parenting the special-needs child, car seat safety, healthy eating and exercise, Parenting 101, raising healthy boys, Spouse 101, substance abuse in teens, community wellness and a fathering class. The classes, childcare and lunch are free to attendees. On-site childcare will be provided for younger children and older children will have their own schedule of events. Registration forms must be received by March 27. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call Family Advocacy at 423-5168.



Club give-away: March 8 volunteers from the Youth Center's Torch Club visited classrooms at Child Development Center 1 to teach children the importance of brushing and flossing their teeth. Brittini Fuller, Mackenzie Buchanan, Alexandra Harris, Katey Anderson, Shawntal Brown, Sam Bear, Jasmine Mazyck call their group the Mischief Makers. For information about the Torch Club and other Boys and Girls Clubs programs offered at the Youth Center, call 424-5392.

Family wellness

A program for families held Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m. discussing parents and children in healthy families, couples in healthy families, changes in children as they grow, solving family problems and passing on family values. Call 423-5168 to register.

W.E.A.V.E.R.

Women Ending Abusive Violent Episodes Respectfully is held Thursdays 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the DGMCC. This program looks at the causes, roles and resolutions of violence in relationships. Topics include stress management, exploring the family of origin and victimization, communication, effective problem resolution and intimacy. Call 423-5168 to register.

Parenting classes

Common Sense Parenting is a program for parents of children 5 years old and older. Topics include effective praise for good behavior, preventing problems before they occur and stopping problem behavior. Classes are Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. for six weeks. Call 423-5168 to register.

Chapel**Catholic services**

▲ Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

▲ Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m.,

Chapel One.

▲ Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant services

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMCC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise and worship service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish services

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath services and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sabbath services are temporarily meeting off-base. Call 424-3217 for locations.

Wicca classes

Classes are held at various locations and times due to deployments. E-mail Beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

Inside Out services

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., rock and praise-style worship. Chapel One.

Lenten events

▲ Tuesday, Catholic communal penance service, 7 p.m., Chapel Center.

▲ Wednesday, Protestant devotions and soup, 11:30 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Wednesday, Catholic living stations of the cross, 6 p.m., Duck Pond fitness trail.

Children Celebrate Egg Hunt, Crafts

Youth Center and Library Provide Seasonal Activities

60th Services Squadron

The Easter Bunny recruited helpers this year so Travis children won't have to wait until Easter Sunday to enjoy the sights, tastes and stories of spring.

The Mitchell Memorial Library will have two guest readers at Easter Story Time for pre-school children from 9:30 to 10 a.m. March 26. Admission is free and children should bring a bag or an Easter basket for the Easter Egg Hunt. Call Annie Ramirez at 424-3279 for details or to volunteer.

Children age 3 to 12 are invited to the Youth Center's Easter Extravaganza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29 at the Little League baseball fields on Cannon Drive. The eventful day includes an Easter egg hunt, arts and crafts, relay races and other activities.

The Easter Egg hunt starts promptly at 11:30 a.m. and children will be separated according to age: 3 to 4 years, 5 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years and 10 to 12 years. No parents will be allowed to assist the children except the 3 to 4 year old group.

The youth center will supply bags for the egg hunt so everyone will start out equal. Children will not be allowed to use baskets from home.

Snacks including hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy and popcorn will be available for a minimal charge.

Admission is \$2 per child and pre-registration at the Youth Center is requested. For more information, call Tammy Sickels or Cherati Hart at 424-5392 or 424-3131.

To submit a story,
e-mail the Tailwind at
tailwind@travis.af.mil
or call 424-2355.

Space—A travel available

Courtesy Article

Air Mobility Command offers a number of Space Available flights to many different destinations in the world. From Travis Air Force Base, travel is available to a number of bases in the Continental United States, Guam, Hawaii, Japan, and even Australia.

Space Available travel is space available for passengers after all mission requirements are met. The priority for AMC aircraft and contract aircraft is cargo and passengers on official duty orders. Once these requirements are fulfilled, any remaining seats are offered for other passenger use. Sometimes, due to the nature of the mission, seats are not released for Space-A use.

A common misunderstanding about Space-A travel is that Department of Defense personnel have a right to Space-A travel. This of course is not true; Space-A travel is not a right but a privilege. Space-A travel is governed by Department of Defense regulation 4515.13R. All uniformed service members (active duty and retired), family members, and DoD employees

are authorized travel under this regulation.

Space-A travel may not be used for personal gain or in connection with business enterprises or employment. Family members originating in the CONUS for overseas destinations must travel with their sponsor. Dependents are not authorized to fly within the CONUS. There are two exceptions to this; family members may accompany their sponsor on emergency leave, or one family member may accompany their sponsor when traveling in a permissive TDY status for house hunting purposes.

Individuals can sign up for travel in different ways. You can physically present yourself to the Passenger Service Center at the AMC Terminal, fax your sign-up information to 424-2048, email at spacea@travis.af.mil, or use the United States Postal System. The passenger terminal recommends that travelers call the terminal to verify their sign-ups are received. For more information contact the passenger service terminal at 424-5703 or 424-5704.

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces

Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



American Red Cross

PCS briefings

The Financial Services Office is conducting military PCS briefings every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Bldg. 381. If you are within 30 days of your PCS, attend one of the briefings.



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Calling all Chiefs! Annual gathering of top NCOs set for April 19 at Beale AFB

Tailwind staff

Normally, the phrase "too many chiefs, not enough Indians" is a bad sign, but on April 19 at Beale Air Force Base, "too many chiefs" will indicate a successful event.

Coordinators of this year's 12th Annual Gathering of Chiefs are extending an open invitation to any active, retired or honorary E-9 from any branch of service, including the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dress is mess dress/formal attire.

For dinner, participants have a choice of filet mignon or salmon. The cost is \$30.

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West's five-member

popular music combo, "Galaxy," will provide entertainment. Retired CMSgt. George Moses will be the guest speaker.

Beale AFB is located east of Marysville/Yuba City, Calif. The Recce Point Club is located adjacent to the Beale AFB golf course.

For more information and to make reservations for the

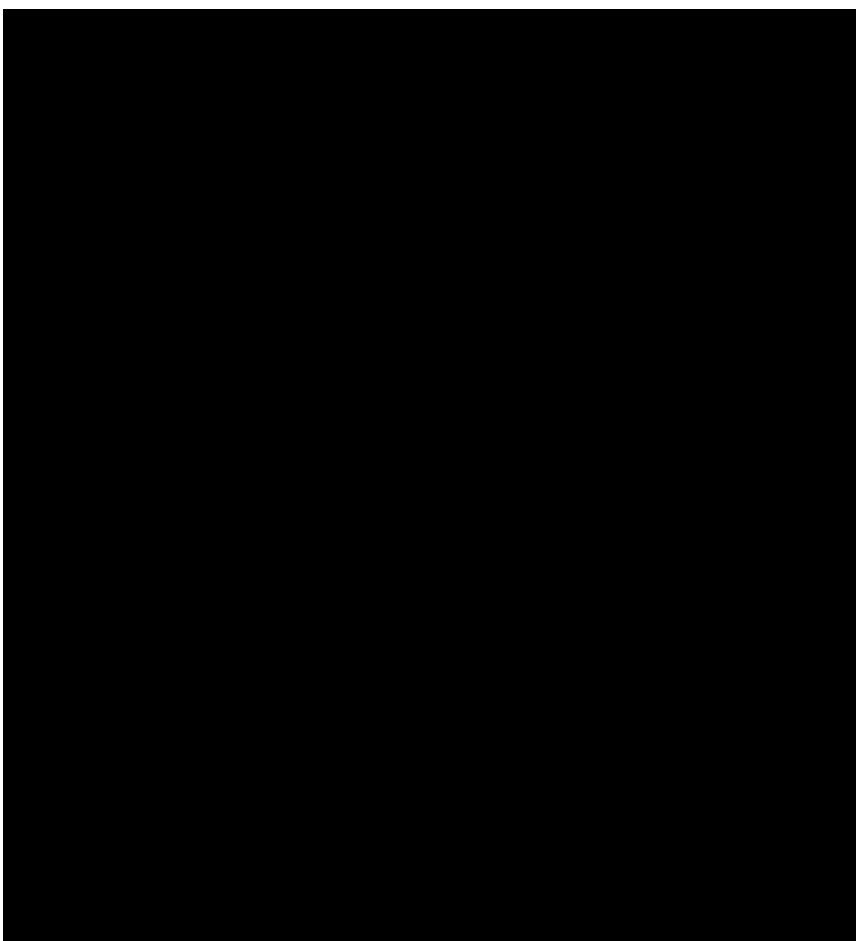
event or for rooms, contact SMSgt. Jimmy Jean at (530) 634-8326 (DSN 368-8326) or CMSgt. Bill Thompson at (530) 634-2477 (DSN 368-2477).

Those planning to attend the event should RSVP by April 5.

According to event coordinators, because billeting on Beale is limited, rooms have been set aside at the AmeriHost in Marysville.

Top eight reasons why these top NCOs get together each year:

1. Remind command CMSgts. that they used to be senior enlisted advisors.
2. To remember that they used to be called "Sarge."
3. To laugh at the guys with new stripes.
4. To try and guess what some of those weird colored medals are.
5. To talk to other guys with similar memories.
6. To see the new club at Beale.
7. To see how old the retired chiefs have gotten
8. To hear some poor guy come in and holler, "Hey, Chief"



Larger Portions, Favorite Recipes at Dining Facilities

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

Customers who were disappointed at the loss of their favorite items at the dining facilities a few months ago will be pleased to hear that some of their favorites are coming back.

"We had to temporarily discontinue some menus, such as the Mongolian Barbeque, until we were able to load them into the Air Force recipe system. Now we are back online and will be able to offer our customers their favorite meals once again," said food service officer 2nd Lt. Mark Mekenas.

Due to the new Air Force Corporate Food Service System, all recipes served at Air Force dining facilities must be Air Force

approved. Besides standardizing the items on the menus, the CFS system also has increased portion sizes of many items and changed some prices.

"The main reason that some prices are higher with the new CFS system is because portions are larger. For example a standard serving of bacon is now 3 pieces instead of two and sodas are 12 ounces instead of 8 ounces. Additionally, we are serving more name-brand items that customers Air Force-wide have requested," said Mekenas.

Golden Hills and Sierra Inn will continue to serve their specialty meals, which are all Air Force approved recipes. In time they will expand the menu—adding more items and bringing back some of the favorite recipes that they are approved by the Air Force.

CFS is a computer-based system intended to improve Air Force dining facilities worldwide by eliminating paperwork for food managers and controlling inventories, menus and recipes.

While they are in the process of implementation, Mekenas expects there may be an increase in waiting time and varied prices.

"We hope everyone will be patient as we upgrade our systems and implement CFS," he said.

Even with the initial difficulties in getting such a large system operational, Travis' dining facilities managers agree the customer will see tremendous returns in the long run—better selection, larger portions and more gourmet items.

DBC Provides Elegant Easter Buffet Dine with Extended Family at Travis

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

Easter Dinner has been a family tradition for generations, but military members often find themselves far from family on the holidays. The Delta Breeze Club puts out a beautiful and delicious Easter spread for its extended family every year, and all Travis personnel are invited to attend on Easter Sunday, March 31.

With a combination of traditional fare and DBC specialties, the all-you-can-eat buffet will please every palate.

Three entrees—roast prime rib of beef, glazed baked ham with raisin sauce and crispy fried chicken—are the centerpieces of the menu. The wide variety of side dishes include mashed and au gratin potatoes, jasmine rice pilaf, baked candied yams, green beans almandine, hot buttered corn, fresh seasonal fruit medley, a bountiful array of salads, chilled shell-on shrimp, chilled baked salmon display and freshly baked breads and butter.

To top of the feast, the club chefs prepare elegant desserts to choose from. Coffee, tea or champagne is included with the meal for no additional charge. It's a great way to celebrate spring with friends and family in an elegant atmosphere.

To accommodate everyone's preference, there are three seatings—11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Adult club members pay only \$14.95, children 6 to 12 are \$5.95 and children 5 and under are free. Non-club members pay an additional \$3 per person.

A club card or credit card is required to retain a seat and reservations that are unpaid will be cancelled 20 minutes prior to seating time so more people may attend the buffet. Call the club at 437-3711 early to make reservations as the seatings fill up quickly.

Carnival Ride Coupons

Discount Coupons Now Available at Youth Center

By Linda Mann
60th Services Squadron

Bumper cars, the Scrambler, Ferris wheels, flying rides, kiddie rides—the Butler Carnival is coming to Travis in April with thrill rides, food, games and fun.

Admission is free but each ride takes a specified number of ride coupon which can be purchased at the carnival or in advance at the Youth Center for a hefty discount.

"People can save 50 percent off the cost of the rides by buying ride coupons before the day of the carnival and all the proceeds of the advance sales go to support our Little League," said youth activities director Sandra Latchford.

The Youth Center offers 40 ride coupons for only \$15. The coupons can be purchased from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

"We will be giving away coupons for food and discounts at the carnival to the first people who buy ride coupons. Supplies are limited, so they need to come in fast to get the free gift," said Youth Center administrator Agnes Wiley.

The Butler Carnival arrives at Travis April 18 and will run until April 21. The carnival will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 18 and 21, and from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. April 19 and 20.

"We love having the carnival at Travis. It's lots of fun for everyone," Latchford said.



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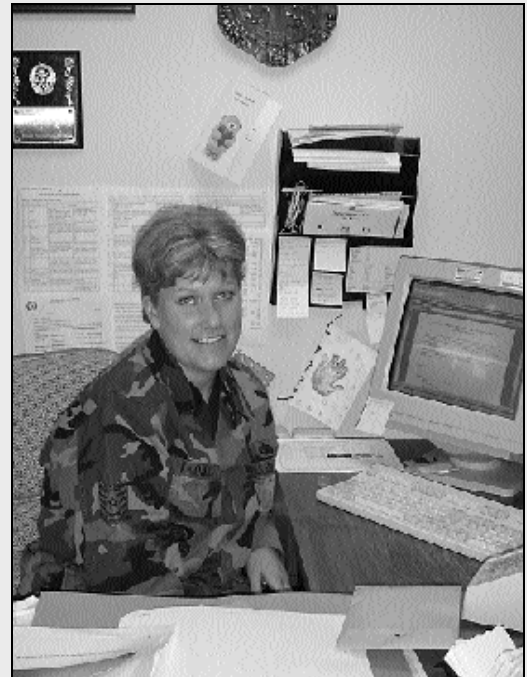
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WOMEN'S HISTORY

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY THROUGHOUT MARCH



Name: TSgt. Kimberly Gale Thomas

Unit: 60th Security Forces Squadron

Duty title: Non-commissioned officer in charge of Security Force investigations

Hometown: Conway, N.C.

Time in service: 13 years

Ethnic background: Caucasian

Future goals

"I want to attend Officer Training School and receive my commission as well as complete my master's degree."

Why I joined the Air Force

"In 1997, my husband and I adopted our son. Being in the Army at the time, I decided I wanted to settle down and dedicate more time to being a mom. After 11 years in the Army, I separated and moved back to North Carolina. After being out of the military for a year and a half, my husband and I desperately missed the military way of life. In Feb. 2000, I decided to continue my military career and enlisted in the Air Force as a Security Forces member. There was no hesitation in my decision to join the Air Force. I felt like the Air Force offered a much better quality of life for my family and myself. Knowing my family is being taken care of, allows me to offer my best to my country. I look forward to my continued service and am proud to be serving, especially during the current world situation."

(Right), Michelle Frappier, farthest away in blue, brings the puck out of Travis Jets territory for an assault on the Vacaville Ice Hounds' goal. Michelle also plays for a travelling ladies team out of Oakland.

(Below), Travis team captain Rob Gordon, #12, and forward Scott Polito, #72, face off against two rival players as the referee drops the puck during a hard-fought game, which ended in a 1-1 tie. The Jets and the Hounds are tied for first place overall and will no doubt face each other in the playoffs beginning April 22.

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When it comes to putting opponents on ICE Travis hockey team can 'stick' with anyone

By Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

When airmen PCS to Travis from cold-weather bases, the one sport they don't usually expect to find in California is ice hockey. Travis, however, is proud to introduce the Travis Jets ice hockey team.

"A lot of people don't even know we exist," said team captain Rob Gordon. "Hardly anyone knows that there's even an ice rink in the area."

Not only does Travis have a hockey team, they have home ice at the Vacaville Skating Center, 551 Davis St., just behind Brenden Theaters.

On Monday, the Travis Jets met the Vacaville Ice Hounds for three periods of hard-fought hockey.

The two teams had already met twice this season. Both times, the teams had fought to a draw.

The Jets, in their new Air Force blue uniforms, drew a crowd of faithful Team Travis members, including 60th AMW Wing Commander Col. Dave Lefforge and Command Chief Master Sergeant Dan Johnson.

"I think those uniforms make them look outstanding," Johnson said as he watched the Jets take the ice. "They seem to stand a little taller, skate a little prouder."

The first period ended with neither team having scored a point, the goalies on both sides showing remarkable reflexes in stopping shot after shot.

Though the second period was played mostly around the Ice Hounds' goal, left wing Tyler Katzner, #91, managed a goal against Travis that put Vacaville on top 1-0 at the end of the period.

Travis would not be outdone, however. The third period was all-out war. At one point tempers flared, even in this non-checking league, when one of the Ice Hound players felt he was intentionally hit to be put out of the game. What the hit

could not do, his incessant arguing with the referees did. He was ejected.

Travis' chance came with 6:50 left in the game when #96 Joel Loranger slapped home the tying shot for Travis.

With the score tied at 1-1, both teams picked up the pace. Travis goalie #35 Steve McCormick smothered five hard shots on goal to keep the game even.

As in the first two meetings of these two teams, the final score was a 1-1 tie.

"I can't believe it," Gordon said after the game. "We've played these guys three times and every time we've tied them. We're tied for first place in our league also."

"They were awesome out there and really looked to be having a great time," Johnson said after the game. "I know I (had a great time) watching them."

"I'm very proud of them," Lefforge said. "They were all over the other team's net."

Especially noteworthy was the play of Gordon, McCormick, Ty Sutherland and Michelle Frappier.

It was Gordon and Sutherland who kept the pressure on the Ice Hounds in the third period. Though neither man scored, they kept the action centered around the Vacaville goal, therefore keeping the opponents on the defensive constantly.

On the Travis defensive side, Frappier and McCormick were easy standouts. Frappier, the only female starter on the team, played for three different leagues while stationed in Alaska and currently plays for a traveling ladies team in Oakland.

Frappier's play was so powerful that at one point, she muscled her way past three opponents as she escorted the puck safely out of Travis territory.

McCormick's net play was exceptional.

To find out more about the Travis Jets, call the Fitness Center at 424-2008 or coach Gordon at 424-8191.

SPORTS SHORTS

Women's softball

Women's varsity softball practices are being held Mondays at 7 p.m. at the American Softball field (by the car wash). For more information, contact SSgt. Amanda Saroglou at 424-2085.

Free tickets

Active-duty military who want to get an up close look at the masters of golf can do so for nothing. Coyote Creek Golf Club is offering free daily passes to the Senior Professional Golf Association tour at the Siebel Classic. This is the last weekend for this 54-hole event. The invitation is extended to active-duty military members only, who must present a military ID card to receive the discount. All others will be charged the daily ticket price of \$20. The golf course is located between San Jose and Morgan Hill on Highway 101. For more information, check their Web site at www.siebelclassic.com.

Youth basketball

The children in the youth basketball league at Travis have an opportunity to play a game in ARCO arena against the youth league from Beale AFB. The two youth leagues will face off for two hours March 25 if the Youth Center sells 100 tickets to the Monarch's game in June. The Sacramento Monarchs take on the Los Angeles Sparks June 15, and the Youth Center is selling the tickets for \$10 a piece. Help send Travis youth to ARCO Arena and see two basketball games for the price of one. Call William Crockett at 424-5392 for more information.

Time trials

The Fitness Center is looking to sponsor a marathon relay team for entry in the Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson AFB, September 19 through 21. The center will be holding five-mile time trials April 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Exercise Center parking lot. Additional time trials will be held once a month until June. At that time a team will be chosen to represent Travis. For more information, contact SSgt. Amanda Saroglou at 424-2085.

Vacaville Skating Center Home of the Travis Jets

Ernie Hicke, ice hockey director at the Vacaville Skating Center, currently runs three hockey leagues per season.

The Travis team plays in the "C" League and will be holding mid-April try-outs for the next season. Interested skaters should call Rob Gordon at 424-8191 for more information.

Pick-up hockey games, to help hone the skills of experienced players or teach the basics to inexperienced players, are held at the skating center on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:45 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 7 a.m. Participants must have their own protective gear. Skates are available for rent.

For more information on league play, call the skating center at 455-0225.

